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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE (SRSC)

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1. DURING RHODESIA SANCTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING ON MORNING
OF JULY 11, PRC DELEGATE (KUO) DURING "OTHER BUSINESS"
PORTION OF MEETING USED THE OCCASION TO LAUNCH A HARSH
VERBAL ATTACK ON USSR. CITING SOVIETS BY NAME AND ADDING
THE PRO FORMA "SOCIALIST-IMPERIALIST" LABEL THE PRC
DENOUNCED A SOVIET MISSION PRESS RELEASE OF JUNE 13, WHICH
CLAIMED THE PRC HAD BEEN BUYING LARGE AMOUNT OF GOLD FROM
SOUTH AFRICA AND CHROME ORE FROM RHODESIA. PRC RECALLED
ITS NOTE, SENT TO SYG IN 1972, STATING IT HAD SEVERED TIES
WITH THE TWO REGIMES. PRC REAFFIRMED THAT THEY HAVE
MAINTAINED THIS POSTURE, BRANDED THE SOVIET PRESS RELEASE
AS A REHASH OF SOVIET SLANDER AND AS TANTAMOUNT TO A THIEF
CRYING THIEF.

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2. USSR, TAKEN BY SURPRISE, REPLIED ONLY TO RECALL THAT
THE PRC HAD SIDED WITH IMPERIALIST COLONIALIST POWERS
DURING ANGOLA WAR.

3. COMMENT: SUCH SNIPING AT THE SOVIETS HAS OF COURSE
BECOME A PREDICTABLE FEATURE OF NEARLY EVERY CHINESE

INTERVENTION. THEY SOMETIMES RELY ON SKIMPY PRETEXTS AS ENTREES FOR THIS KIND OF ATTACK, AS IN THE SC BENIN DEBATE EARLIER IN THE YEAR, WHEN THE PRC SAW FIT TO SLASH A RATHER DATED USSR PRESS RELEASE. THE COUNCIL WAS INTERESTED TO HEAR THE PRC PERMREP TAKE OFF AFTER THE SOVIETS AGAIN THE OTHER DAY IN THE SC DEBATE ON DJIBOUTI'S ADMISSION TO THE UN -- NOVEL ONLY IN THAT HE SPOKE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR. THE CHINESE INVECTIVE SOMETIMES ADDS INTEREST AND EVEN HUMOR TO OTHERWISE ROUTINE MEETINGS, BUT REACTIONS OF THE MEMBERS RAISE THE QUESTION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS POSTURE OVER THE LONGER TERM.
END COMMENT.
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